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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

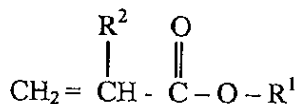
1. (Currently amended) Halogen-free, flame-retardant composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of either (1) or (1') below:

(1) an organic phosphorous compound (A), and melamine or a ~~compound derived from~~ melamine condensation product (B), or

(1') a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB),
and ~~further comprising~~

(2) a polymer (C) comprising at least one type of olefin monomer having 2-12 carbon atoms and ~~(3)~~ 0.1-30 weight % relative to the weight of the polymer (C) of at least one ~~monomer comonomer~~ containing acid, ~~acid anhydride~~ or epoxy groups.

2. (Previously amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a polymer obtained by copolymerizing E, X and Y compounds, wherein E is ethylene, X is a compound having the formula



where

R¹ = alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms

R² = H, CH₃ or C₂H₅

and Y is glycidyl (alkyl)acrylate.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 3, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

5. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/methylacrylate/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

6. (Cancelled).